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Eyesore burns, arson suspected

\$5,000 reward
offered for info

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – A partially burned home at 73 West Main St., which has been an eyesore since 2015, burned Monday at about 1 a.m., and was destroyed, according to Fire Chief Christopher Gagnon.

The house fire is thought to be of a suspicious nature Gagnon said. It has been unoccupied since the spring of 2015, when fire ripped through the several story multi-family home. No one has lived there and no electricity was hooked up to the property, Gagnon said.

The call came in at 1:05 a.m. and firefighters responded immediately, he said, and it took about 45 minutes to bring it under control. It took several more hours to bring parts of the home down with an excavator, check for embers and make sure it was thoroughly out, he said.

It is being investigated by the Fire Department, the Police Department and State Police attached to the Fire Marshal's office

"Anyone with information about the fire, please confidentially call the toll-free Arson Hotline 24-hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-682-9229," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. The Arson Hotline is part of the Arson Watch Reward Program that provides rewards of up to \$5,000 for information that helps to solve the case. The program is funded by the property and casualty insurance companies of Massachusetts.

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Turley Publications staff photo
by Melina Bourdeau

ABOVE: An unoccupied home at 73 West Main St. burned Monday morning. The multi-family building caught on fire in 2015, and the remains were still there when it caught fire Monday.



Turley Publications
correspondent photo
by Douglas Fox

An empty house at 73 West Main St. went up in flames Monday at about 1 a.m. The house first burned in 2015, and has remained unoccupied since then.

Updated plant costs needed

Town to reapply
for USDA grant

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – Department of Public Works Director Gilbert St. George-Sorel told selectmen Tuesday the town must get a new cost estimate for the proposed water treatment plant and reapply to the United States Department of Agriculture for a grant, which could potentially cover more of the costs.

St. George-Sorel said after reviewing the financial information, including the surplus left after running the water system and a contingency fund that must added to every year along with annual principal and interest payments and the annual operating costs, the town would be in the hole each year. The town would also have borrow about \$91,000 in short-term construction loans as the plant was being built.

"I don't recommend we build this plan. We wouldn't have money to do anything else," St. George-Sorel said, if the town went forward with the plan as it is. The total project deficit would be \$127,377.44 a year, he said

The water treatment plant would filter the iron and manganese in the town's water system, which reacts with the chlorine in the system and oxidizes the minerals, and makes the water brown. The plant has been proposed for the Barnes Street public water supply. The town has said the water is

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Update given on distance learning

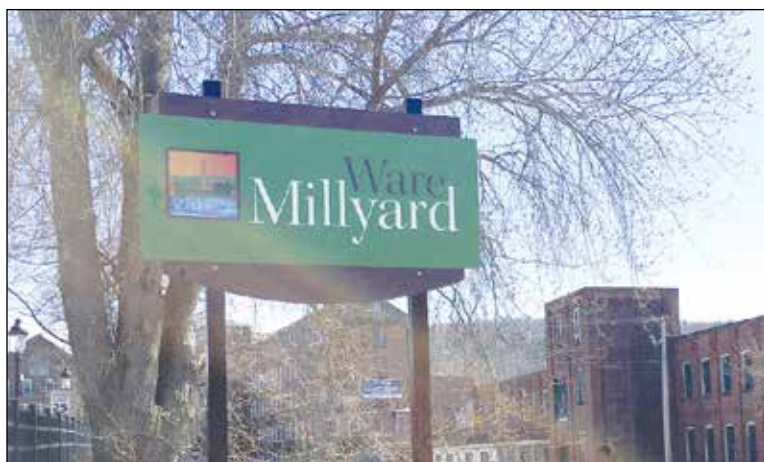
By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – Ware School Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo updated the school community with a video on Monday, April 6, reminding students and parents that remote learning in earnest began that day, with a deeper dive into material already covered as well as new material. Previously, teachers had focused on enrichment and skill-building activities.

The district's learning plan can be found at <http://www.wareps.org/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=66289663>.

"It's going to be a learning curve for all of us and I ask for your patience," she said. "We're going to be driving it as we're

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Turley Publications staff photo by Eileen Kennedy

Ware has received a \$50,000 grant to study the infrastructure of the Millyard so it can be determined what work is necessary to economically develop several unused buildings and an area near the Ware River.

Town receives grant to study Millyard

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – The town received a \$50,000 grant from the state's Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to study the Millyard's infrastructure so economic redevelopment can eventually occur.

The money will allow the town to study the condition of under-

ground tunnels, penstocks and utility infrastructure to aid demolition of badly decayed buildings so it can be redeveloped, whether that be a riverside park or other buildings, according to Planning and Community Development Director Rebekah DeCoursey. Penstocks can be sluices or gates used to regulate the flow of water

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Downtown art project goes forward

Creative word
art sought

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – As many events in the area are falling victim to COVID-19 social distancing protocols, including Ware's Art Week scheduled for May, Workshop13 members decided to move ahead with a series of downtown art projects.

"Cultural organizations across the state were going to have a lot of creative activities for everyone, a whole week of just fun, and it had to be canceled due to COVID-19," said Workshop13 Executive Director Marie Lauderdale. "We talked about it and decided a lot of what we planned could go forward, so we decided the Main Street project could still go on."

There are three projects in the works, along with a possible fourth, she said. Just as community members came together last year and colored feather and bird art to form the #WhatLifsYouWare wings public art, this year they are asking people to draw and decorate word art. The designs can be completed

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One of the projects Workshop13 and its members have planned for downtown includes local artists creating their versions of well-known masterpieces with thought bubbles on a "Where? Ware!" theme.



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One of Marie Lauderdale's friends worked COVID-19 into an inspirational word art piece "Hope."

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Turley the Turtle totals

No one submitted guesses as to how many Turley the Turtles there were in last week's Ware River News of April 2. There were 10.
What are you waiting for? Count the number of Turleys and send how many you find in this week's edition, April 9, to ekennedy@turley.com, and be in the running for gifts at the end of the month.

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Are You Old News?



If anyone can identify some or all of the men in this week's photo or what they're doing, send the answers to ekennedy@turley.com with your full name so we can give you credit.

Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

Email your answers by Monday at noon to ekennedy@turley.com.



Last week's Are You Old News photo was of Ware Dog Officer Thomas Kularski with Girl Scout Sarah Roberts and Troop 406 leader Susan Adams-Sweeney, and ran in the May 2, 1991 issue of the Ware River News. Sarah was the winner of a dog clinic poster contest.

Piping to share joy

Needed to do something good

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

NEW BRAINTREE – Twelve-year-old Christopher Baum decided in these sobering times to share a little of his joy in bagpipe music by serenading the town from his home this past Sunday, said his mother, Jennifer Baum.

He plans to do it again on Easter Sunday, April 12, at noon, where he will again share a concert of tunes on his bagpipe, which will again be amplified. He lives on an elevated parcel about a mile from the center of town, which is also elevated, and with amplification, the sound carries from one high spot to the other, she said.

Parking will be available at the New Braintree Elementary School, town offices and the U.S. Post Office, she said, where people can listen from the comfort of their cars, and practice social distancing as folks did this past Sunday.

"I need to do something good," he said Monday in a phone interview. "It felt kind of good; it pleased people and maybe it spread some hope."

His mother and members of local band, Tequila Mockingbird, with whom he sometimes plays, helped him set up the amplification and large speakers.

He could hear peoples' applause after each selection and after his last tune, Amazing Grace," there were plenty of car horns beeping. His aunt was in the center of town and said she could hear it all crystal clear and there were about 35 cars on hand due to some prior notification.

"With everything going on, the COVID-19, school closed and missing connections, and that it's impossible right now to go door-to-door, we figured this set-up would be good," said his mother. "

He has been playing the Highland pipes competitively for three years now, and competes as a solo piper at Highland Games across the Eastern United States, she said. He is ranked second in pipers under 18 in the Eastern U.S.

He is a member of New Hampshire Pipes and Drums, has performed with International Bagpipe Rock Band, Red Hot Chili Pipers, and plays regularly with the local band Tequila Mockingbird. He is often hired to play local events, weddings and funerals.

Since Christopher saw a parade with pipers when he was about 4, he wanted to play and kept asking every year when he would be able to start learning, his mother said. Just before he turned 9, he received his pipes, and has studied with a private teacher in Concord, N. H. and plays with the New Hampshire Pipes and Drums.

Perhaps he is just following his Scottish heritage, which can be traced back to the 1600s on his mother's side.

"Playing the pipes is difficult," he said. Players must master the chanter, which resembles a recorder,



Turley Publications courtesy photo

New Braintree resident Christopher Baum, 12, recently serenaded the town from his home with amplification to share the sound last Sunday. He will repeat the concert on Easter Sunday, April 12, at noon. Here he is seen playing at a private event.

as they blow into the pipes and squeeze the bag, all at the same time, while they march in time, he said.

He said he's looking forward to his second amplified concert on Sunday, and hopes people enjoy it.

For more information about him see his website at www.cbbagpiper.com.

Deslauriers Scholarship applications now available

WARE – Applications for the Michael H. Deslauriers Scholarship are now available at high school guidance offices. The committee will award the Michael H. Deslauriers scholarship to a graduating senior residing in the town of Ware, regardless of the school district they attend.

To apply for this scholarship, a copy of the student's school transcript and a completed application, which is available at area school guidance offices, must be submitted by May 1.

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We’re also asking teachers to send essays, artwork or photos describing what it’s like for them being home and educating students from afar.

Please send all emails to ekennedy@turley.com.

Stay safe. Thanks, Eileen Kennedy, Editor

Ware Selectmen’s Notebook

WARE – At Tuesday’s SelectBoard meeting the following items were voted upon:

Approved the process to fill three vacant police officer positions.

Residents have until June 1 to pay their real estate and personal property taxes without any penalties, and can pay their water and sewer bills by June 30 with no late fees.

The name changing of the Board of Selectmen to SelectBoard has to be approved at a Town Meeting.

The creation of a Fire Commission to oversee the Fire Department would have to be approved at a Town Meeting.

The Cannabis Committee was changed to the Cannabis Advisory Committee

Curaleaf would like to add medical marijuana to their recreational marijuana facility in Ware. A company representative will speak with selectmen at their next meeting.

James Kadra was appointed to the Open Space Committee; Lynn Lak was reappointed to the Historical Commission, Gerald

Fountain Jr. was reappointed to the Tax Increment Financing Authority; Gregory Eaton was reappointed to the Board of Appeals; and Clayton Sydlia and Jennifer McMartin were reappointed to the Capital Planning Committee.

Janet Ciejka will take a year off from the Council on Aging after serving two terms. The Councils’ rules state after serving two terms a member must take a year off.

The resignation of Carol A. Brundige from the Council on Aging was accepted. Her term was to expire in June of 2022.

Now that there are two vacancies on the Council on Aging those who are interested in serving on that board should send letters of interest to Town Manager Stuart Beckley at Town Hall.

There is now a vacancy on the Board of Registrars for a Democratic member. Anyone who is interested in serving on that board should send letters of interest to Town Manager Stuart Beckley at Town Hall.

– Compiled by Eileen Kennedy

Gabe’s goes to GoFundMe

Needs money to ride out closures

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – Gabe’s, short for the Gabriel Narutowicz Club, at 11 East Main St., is in a tough spot with the stay-at-home recommendations and closures of non-essential businesses.

As a social club, which is collectively owned by its members, it is also open to the public, and offers a bar with food. It also rents out its function rooms for parties and weddings.

With no ability to bring in money right now, it will be difficult to pay its utilities and insurance, said Gabe’s manager Kim Trzpit, so it has gone to GoFundMe to raise about \$5,000. If it is successfully raised, it should cover the club until it can reopen, hopefully by June.

“The club was started in either 1928 or 1932 as a men’s club,” she said. “It was originally on Pulaski Street, but then moved here when the club purchased this building.”

It was named for Gabriel Narutowicz, who served as Poland’s first president in 1922. He was assassinated after serving for five days. He previously served as the Minister of Public Works from 1920 to 1921, and briefly as Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1922. A renowned engineer and politically independent, he was the first elected head of state following Poland’s regained sovereignty from partitioning powers.

She said the club had been doing better and was offering hall rentals, karaoke nights and a corn hole league, but with no continuing income it may have to close for good if the money is not raised.

“We have many customers who have been coming in here for a long time,” she said. “They’ll tell me, I remember coming here with my father when I was 16. And these men are in their 60s and 70s now and they’re still coming in.” She said the customers are great and in over 20 years she has only had a problem with two or three people over the years.

The employees, including herself, have been there for years and there has been very little turnover, she said. She started working there when she was 21 and is now 48, and other than a few years taken off when she was pregnant and had a young child, she has kept working there.



Gabe’s, also known as the Gabriel Narutowicz Inc. Club, at 11 East Main St., in Ware, has gone to GoFundMe to raise money to weather the closure of non-essential businesses in the wake of COVID-19.

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“People could still smoke in bars back then and when I was pregnant with my son I decided not to work there, but I returned after about six years,” she said.

She stressed it’s always been a great place for regular people, and many of them, whether they’re customers, club members or employees, would all be sad to see it close.

While the club explored getting a small business loan, she said institutions are reluctant to make loan because the club is collectively owned and no one person is considered the owner. It’s run collectively by club members.

Her sister suggested she raise money on GoFundMe, and that’s what she has done. As of Wednesday morning, the page had raised \$1,550 from 18 donors toward its \$5,000 goal. Anyone who would like donate toward keeping it open can go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/gabes-needs-help>.

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“If you saw anything or heard anything after midnight, please call the Arson Hotline,” said Police Chief Shawn Crevier.

No one was injured, Gagnon said, although a neighboring multi-family home had some damage to its siding. Several onlookers were assessed at the scene by town ambulance staff for shortness of breath, but none wanted to be taken to the hospital, he said.

“The fire is considered suspicious because it was unoccupied and seriously damaged as a result of an accidental 2015 fire,” Gagnon said. “However, it is possible the fire started accidentally by people who were not authorized to be inside the building. Please call, if you have any information.”

The town purchased the property from its owner several years ago, and had recently secured grant funding to tear the property down. Previously the town asked for proposals to purchase and reuse the site, but did not receive any offers.

It took several years for the town to buy the property as Town Meeting voters shot down attempts to buy it or to pay for the structure to come down. The homeowner at the time of the fire did not insurance on the home nor could she afford to tear it down.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said at Tuesday’s SelectBoard meeting that new fencing had gone up and he would be in touch with the Attorney General’s office about the grant for the property.



Turley Publications staff photos by Melina Bourdeau

There wasn’t much left of the house at 73 West Main St. after it burned in the early morning hours on Monday. It is considered a suspicious fire and there is a \$5,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person who may have started it.

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building it.”

The schools are working to bring learning to students whether they have computers and Internet service or need to do the work on paper. Learning modules will change every two weeks, and for those without computers there are printed packets in plastic bins at each school or a file cabinet at the Ware Junior Senior High School.

She called the situation not ideal, but said teachers, and she hoped students, would make the most of what is available.

“We may not have all the answers right away,” she said, but they would find them.

In a future update she said grading for the fourth quarter would be discussed. Teachers and



Turley Publications courtesy photo

Ware School Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo updates the school community on distance learning plans during school closures due to COVID-19.

administrators are still discussing how it will be done. It will also

take into account that some students do not have computers or internet connections.

She also said there would be no grab-and-go meals on Good Friday, April 10, and none during the already designated April vacation, from April 20 to April 24. There will be no learning on those days either, she said.

Remote learning will resume on Monday, April 27.

“I want people to remember that teachers may be learning these new virtual platforms along the way as we are thrown into this virtual world of learning from afar,” she said.

Teachers and administrators would be working to keep learning alive in Ware and urged viewers to stay safe and practice social distancing.

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not unhealthy, but many residents use bottled water for cooking and drinking.

Selectmen Chairman Alan Whitney expressed frustration about what could be another delay in getting the plant built, which has been on the table since 2017 under former DPW Director Richard Kilhart.

“We have to do this,” Whitney said. “This is not a yes or no question, it’s how are we going to get there.”

Whitney said his frustration was not with St. George-Sorel, but with the pace of the process. “This isn’t you, but the biggest thing people talk to me when I’m out and about is the damn water,” he said.

“The plan is to reapply to the the USDA to get a better deal,” St. George-Sorel said. In talking to USDA officials, he was told the town might qualify for a grant that could cover 40 percent of the cost. Agency officials have told him the town should provide an updated probable estimate cost for construction, an updated estimate of

anticipated annual operating costs along with an audit of the fiscal 2019 town finances. He also said since the corona virus hit, many employees of the town’s engineering firm and state and federal government officials are working at home, so the process will probably be a little slower than normal.

After the USDA has considered the new grant application, the town will have to decide what it wants to do, and will have to bring the issue before Town Meeting to appropriate any funds over \$6 million. Voters at the the Annual Town Meeting in May 2017 approved the \$6 million for the plant.

St. George-Sorel said the Water Division will continue to flush the water system twice a year, which takes about six weeks to flush 42 miles of pipe. The spring flush will begin on April 16.

He said in the report he presented to selectmen prior to the meeting that the flushing has dramatically reduced calls about discolored water.

He also said the original plan was based on customers using about 850,000 gallons a day, but

the actual use is more like 530,000 gallons a day, which even with rate hikes, will not pay for the plant. “The Enterprise Fund is not going to be enough,” he said. “We’re just not selling water the way we used to.”

St. George Sorel said the amount of homes that have been abandoned, are burned-out or in the foreclosure process “is simply staggering” and a fact that must be accepted. Also, people are using less due to the brown water and water bans in the summer mean people water their lawns and gardens less.

He noted in his report that last year there were only two new customers added: the CedarBrook independent living/assisted living facility on South Street and one new house on Gould Road.

“We’re shutting off far more services in decrepit buildings than we’re adding,” he wrote.

The report he made to selectmen is already on the DPW’s webpage on the town’s website and can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/u36j2x2>.

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or a conduit or pipe for conducting water where it is wanted.

“Some of the tunnels are abandoned and we need to figure out what to do with them,” DeCoursey said. She said demolition of some decayed buildings would not be possible until it is known what is underneath them. “There are one or two buildings without roofs there,” she said, and the town owns one of them very close to the river..

“I’m really excited about this first grant,” DeCoursey said. “I think a lot bright things are in our future.”

A number of the buildings in the Millyard are in good shape and have businesses in them including D & D Fitness, Cat Tails veterinary clinic, optometrist Dr. Thomas Schultz and Wilton Childrens

Store, which are not the buildings in question.

DeCoursey said the area being studied is on the far side of the occupied buildings, away from them and along the river.

If some of the buildings were demolished, including the town-owned property, it might be possible to provide parking there with more access to the water,” she said. She said providing access roads and parking could lead to developing a park along the river so residents would have better access to the water. People already fish along the river there now because it is stocked with local fish,” she said.

She pointed to Building 9, which has no roof and is boarded up as one of the buildings that could be demolished.

But no demolishing is possible until it is known what is under-

neath the buildings in terms of infrastructure.

In some cases, it might be possible to redevelop a building into additional space for say, town offices. “That would be an amazing reuse of space,” DeCoursey said.

The town will be receiving proposals for the work.

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ONE PERSPECTIVE

Protecting children from abuse during the pandemic

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

SPRINGFIELD – The coronavirus pandemic around the world is the perfect storm for creating another pandemic here at home – one of child abuse that affects one of our most vulnerable populations – children.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, designed to raise public awareness of child abuse and neglect. This year, Child Abuse Prevention Month is coming as the full thrust of the coronavirus pandemic begins to affect our community.

According to a report on NBC News, hotlines in Colorado, Texas, Illinois and California have received fewer reports of child abuse since stay-at-home orders have been put into place.

“So far, we are seeing a decrease in child abuse reports nationally. We don’t know if this is because people are rallying in a storm, or because cases are ‘socially isolating’ and never being recognized or reported. One thing we do know is that the health, social and economic consequences of this pandemic are hugely stressful. Stress combined with being locked in the house together is a great breeding ground for emotional and physical abuse,” said pediatrician Dr. Stephen Boos, medical director of the Baystate Family Advocacy Center.

NBC also reported that teachers, coaches and health care professionals, people trained to recognize child abuse, “are just not seeing these kids,” according to Daphne Young, chief communications officer for Childhelp, a child-welfare organization with a national abuse hotline. Unlike other hotlines, Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline has seen a 23 percent increase in calls and a 263 percent increase in texts compared to March 2019. With in-person operations limited at child protective service and other government agencies, kids and teens have been texting the hotline themselves from unsafe homes.

Children are shut in with families and all are bored, frightened and dealing with change and uncertainty, noted Dr. Boos.

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Stranger in a strange land

By Raymond Lagrant Jr.

I knew something was strange when I got out my car at the Post Office. I followed a woman through the doors who seemed to be in quite a hurry. It was only when she turned left and I went straight that I got the message. She was “social distancing” and didn’t want me to get within six feet of walking behind her.

Next stop: Groceries.

Upon entering the grocery store, I noticed there were fewer people than usual. Grabbing a basket, and a few items, I headed toward checkout. The floors near the registers were marked with tape, so each person could have their own “space.” There were also huge plexi-glass shields separating the cashier from the customer. There was someone standing in one of these taped off spaces with an “open” one ahead of her. “It’s okay,” I reassured her, “You can go up to the next space.” “Are you sure?” “Yeah, it’s okay,” I said.

Meanwhile a cashier came up to me and indicated for me to go empty register number 3. I placed my keys on the conveyor belt (with my shopping card id on it) and my reusable bags. “Oh, we don’t use these anymore” the cashier said to me pointing to my bags. “I can’t touch them, please pick them up” she asked even though she had gloves on. And then using a plastic bag she wrapped my keys up in it, and using the bag handed them back to me.

What are you going to do once this is over?” I asked, “Have a sale on plexi-glass shields?” “Oh”, she stated, “I hope they keep them forever.”

And then she packed my groceries in previously banned plastic bags and I was on my way.

Two weeks isn’t a lot of time. But what I remembered about what it was that I liked to go grocery shopping, and it seems like a lifetime ago.

A lifetime ago, before the world turned upside down.

Natural Easter egg dyes and floral lore

We are looking forward to coloring eggs later this week! My oldest daughter has been caught up in learning about her Polish ancestors so I thought it would be fun to follow my mother’s family tradition of dyeing eggs with onion skins. I remember her taking a large pot and packing it with the outer, papery skins of either red or yellow onions. The more skins in the pot, the more intensely colored the eggs would be. Some people would even save skins a month prior to Easter just to have enough!

With the skins in the pot, she would then add the raw eggs with just enough water to cover them. After boiling for several minutes the eggs would be colored shades of maroon or brown. Where the eggs rested against the skins there would even be an imprint left behind. If you find that you like this mottled look better than the plain background color, wrap the eggs in the skins and secure them with rubber bands prior to boiling for an even more exaggerated appearance. Polish them with a bit of vegetable oil on a clean cloth and they will be shiny enough to use in all sorts of creative table decorations. Incidentally, the eggs aren’t flavored “onion” and are completely edible, although you may find them far

too pretty to crack and eat!

Using natural dyes is trendy right now, and may even be used out of necessity when coloring eggs this year. Although I have never tried these natural egg dyeing materials, you might have fun experimenting with them on your own. Follow the directions above but replace the onion skins with beets or frozen raspberries for pale red eggs. Carrot tops or the spice tumeric are said to impart a light yellow dye, whereas spinach leaves will leave your eggs pale green in color.

Blueberries or red cabbage leaves can be used to make a bluish tint. A teaspoon of vinegar (more for a large batch) added to the pot will set the color.

Easter lilies decorating the altar will be one thing missed this year. While we can witness the beauty televised, it will be hard to conjure up that smell, that glorious smell! Lore has it that lilies sprung from the ground, marking where Christ’s drops of sweat had fallen in his final moments of agony. It has also been said that lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane, and for that reason are sometimes called “white-robed apostles of hope.” They are mentioned numerous times in the Bible, perhaps most memorably in the Sermon on the Mount, where Christ said to

his followers: “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet...Solomon and all of his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” Emblems of new life, hope and beauty, fragrant Easter lilies decorate churches en masse during the Easter season.

You can keep an Easter lily alive long past the holiday. After the individual flowers have withered, remove them from the plant. The process of “deadheading” will direct energy away from seed production and back to the bulb below. Don’t cut away the foliage, however, leave it intact as long as it is green. Once the weather has warmed, pick a sunny, well-drained spot in the garden and sink the bulb three inches below the soil surface. Don’t expect it to flower again this season, or even next March or April. Easter lily growers force the plant into bloom for the holiday; without manipulation it will flower naturally during the summer months.

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ON THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Does overseas earning obviate Social Security

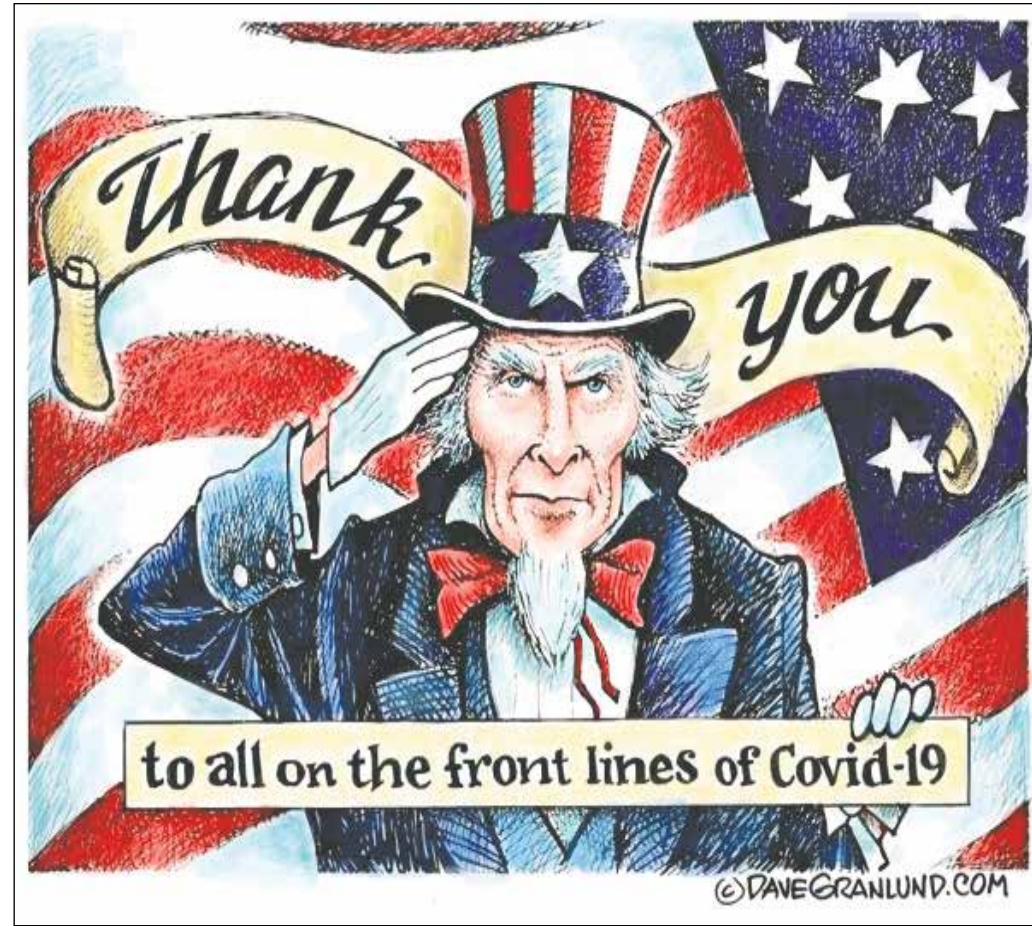
By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: My daughter had part-time menial jobs here in the USA during high school and college but shortly after college moved to South Korea to teach English. After eight years there she will be going to Belgium and getting married. She will be living there and working there. Will she ever have access to any Social Security benefits? *Signed: Interested Father*

Dear Interested Father: It will depend upon how many U.S. quarter-credits your daughter has from her work here in the U.S. The U.S. has bilateral agreements (known as “Totalization Agreements”) with both South Korea and Belgium (and 24 other countries) and these agreements allow someone who has worked in both the U.S. and another country to aggregate their credits from both to qualify for U.S. benefits (and vice versa). But your daughter will need to have earned at least six U.S. credits from working in the U.S. in order for her credits from either South Korea or Belgium (or both) to be counted under the Totalization Agreement, thus entitling her to U.S. Social Security benefits.

The U.S. requires a minimum of 40 total quarter-credits to be eligible for Social Security benefits. If your daughter has at least six U.S. credits now and can get enough additional credits via the Totalization Agreements to achieve minimum 40 required, then she may be eligible for at least a small U.S. Social Security benefit when she is 62.

Since you say your daughter had only “menial part-time” jobs here in the U.S., key for her to eventually get benefits will be if she has worked enough in the U.S. to earn at least the six credits which will allow her to take



advantage of the Totalization Agreements and meet basic eligibility for Social Security. Social Security credits are based upon how much is earned each year, and the amount required for a credit varies annually. A maximum of four credits can be earned each year. For example, in 2020 a credit is given for each \$1,410 earned, up to a maximum of four credits per year (\$5,640 in annual earnings). Essentially, if your daughter had at least the minimum earnings for 1 ½ years of U.S. employment to earn six credits, she could eventually use the Totalization Agreements to become eligible for U.S. Social Security benefits.

I suggest that your daughter contact Social Security and ask how many quarters of credit she now has under the U.S. Social Security system. If she already has the minimum six needed to eventually qualify under the Totalization Agreements, she may be entitled to a small Social Security benefit when she becomes age-eligible (62). But remember, even if she qualifies for a U.S. Social Security benefit, it will be based upon her minimal

U.S. earnings; her foreign earnings won’t be used when computing her U.S. benefits. Be aware also that if she also earns a pension from either South Korea or Belgium (or both), any U.S. Social Security benefit she may eventually get would be affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision, which reduces the Social Security benefit of anyone with a pension from work which did not contribute to U.S. Social Security.

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IN MY BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer

Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a sighting of a marsh wren in Canton on March 20.

The marsh wren is five inches long. It is a secretive bird with a brown back with white streaks, its crown is dark brown and it has a white eyebrow. It has a white throat and breast with a pale belly. It has white on the underside of its tail.

It inhabits marshy areas as its name implies. It prefers marshes with tall cattails and rushes. In spring, the male does a flight display on his territory. He flies up, then flutters gradually down or giving his rattling song. He also builds about five or six courtship nests of an outer shell of woven cattails. When the female arrives, she selects one of the nests and adds a lining or she may build a new nest herself.

She then lays three to eight cinnamon brown eggs with dark spots. Marsh wrens are often polygamous with two or three females paired with one male.

Black-capped chickadee
I have a black-capped chickadee with a short tail. It probably lost its tail feathers to a predator. The short tail does not impede

its ability to fly.

If it was a predator, it was lucky to be alive. The feathers will grow back.

Birds in West Brookfield

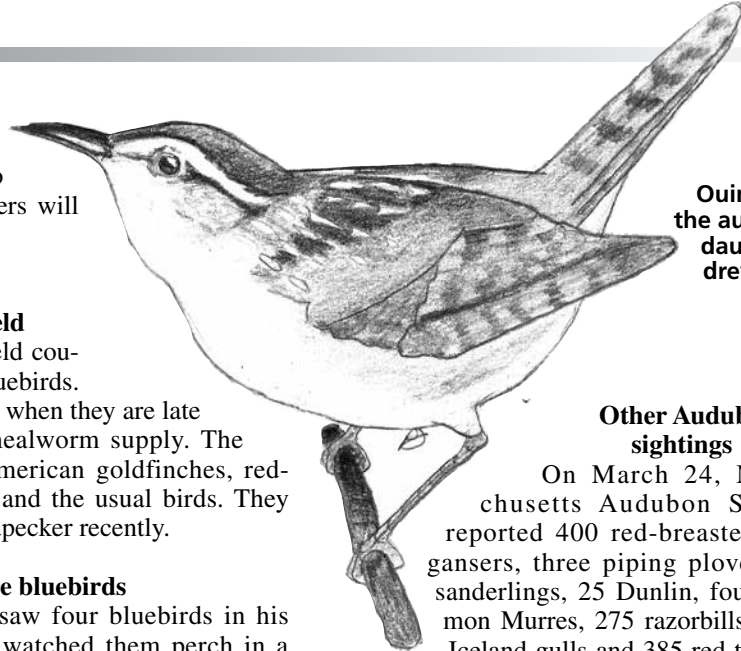
A West Brookfield couple has resident bluebirds. The bluebirds scold when they are late replenishing the mealworm supply. The couple also has American goldfinches, red-winged blackbirds and the usual birds. They had a pileated woodpecker recently.

More bluebirds

My son-in-law saw four bluebirds in his yard in Barre. He watched them perch in a bush and fly to the ground to grab an insect. He also saw an American goldfinch, chickadees and a mourning dove at the feeder.

Dark-eyed juncos

I still have dark-eyed juncos coming to my feeder. Soon, they will fly north to their breeding area. They will return in the fall. Many birds indicate spring is here. Juncos on the other hand are a sign that winter is coming.



Paula Ouimette, the author’s daughter, drew this marsh wren.

Other Audubon sightings

On March 24, Massachusetts Audubon Society reported 400 red-breasted mergansers, three piping plover, 110 sanderlings, 25 Dunlin, four common Murres, 275 razorbills, seven Iceland gulls and 385 red-throated loons at Race Point, Provincetown.

Other sightings included a Ross goose in Newbury, a marsh wren in Canton, northern water thrush in Waltham and an orange-crowned warbler in Nahant.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100 or emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com.

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Quabbin Wire & Cable keeps working on parts for ventilators, portable hospitals

WARE – As the world navigates through the Covid-19 pandemic, Quabbin Wire & Cable Co. Inc., located in Ware, remains open as an essential business. The local manufacturer, which employs approximately 100 employees, manufactures products that are currently in high demand in the medical field and military operations.

With a diverse product line that focuses on electronic communication cables, the company produces and stocks a wide variety of cables for many applications. Because many of its products are sold through distributors, Quabbin may not know what a specific cable is used for.

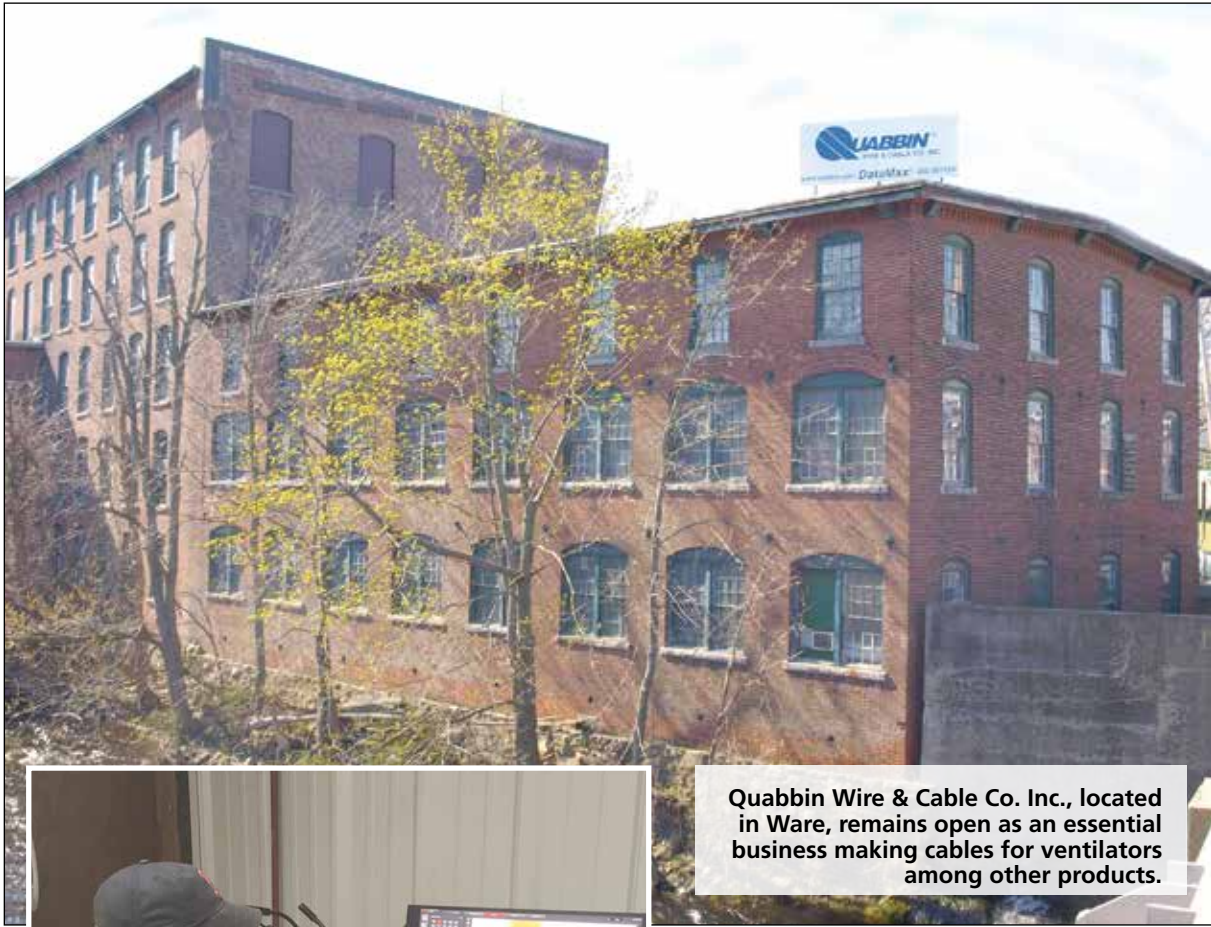
Mike LaPlaca, vice president of sales, said, “We are starting to uncover many of the applications that our cables are being utilized for. Some of the cables in high demand are used in hospital beds, ventilators and portable hospitals that are being erected. The cables for the portable hospitals are most likely being used for data transmissions within a hospital’s network.”

Through various sales channels, LaPlaca has been informed that the demand for these cables is ramping up, “We have increased our manufacturing runs of these products to accommodate the demand beyond our current available stock. In the past week alone, a couple of our customers have reached out requesting additional footage of cable specifically for ventilators.”

Although some production runs are increasing, Melissa Delargy, chief operations officer, said, “We’re not currently increasing our capacity but rather maintaining our manufacturing and inventory levels to meet demands. We have hired some additional employees, and others have been flexible in helping out to insure coverage of critical positions.”

The company, a veteran-owned small business, partners with U.S. suppliers for materials required to make their cables. A truly American-made product through and through, Delargy said, “We were proactive in forecasting some of the needs, and we have increased raw material inventories which has helped insure we have the materials we need during this critical production time.”

Foreseeing needs helps during



Quabbin Wire & Cable Co. Inc., located in Ware, remains open as an essential business making cables for ventilators among other products.



A Quabbin Wire & Cable employee keeps the manufacturing process of cables for ventilators, among other products, humming.

these uncertain times as this pandemic can disrupt supply chains at any time.

The health and safety of Quabbin’s employees are a top priority, so the company acted quickly on CDC and OSHA guidance to prepare the workplace and educate employees about necessary control measures.

Jack Sullivan, assistant maintenance supervisor and a 32-year

Quabbin employee, said “It’s an honor to be part of the essential team at Quabbin Wire. During this pandemic, we all need to do our part to help in any way possible – from social distancing, hand washing, cleaning and disinfecting.” Sullivan also acknowledged that he knows many people in different industries and trades that are now laid off with no known recall date. “I feel lucky to have a steady

income and am proud to be part of a company that can help keep the economy going,” he said. “With a great team effort, we will make it through this.”

As the company marks its 45th year in business, Paul Engel, owner and president, said “We have endured difficult challenges in the past, but this is the first time we’ve had to navigate a health crisis that is impacting the world. We, as a company, can be proud of the product we make knowing it is making a difference in getting the medical field what it needs now.”

He also attributes the well-being of the company moving forward to its employees. “I have faith in the Quabbin Wire team and all that we can do together; the dedication and teamwork are greatly appreciated,” he said. “As always, our commitment is to provide safe working conditions for our employees and excellent products and services to our customers at a time when they are needed most.”

Concerned about youth vaping while schools close?

By Gail Gramarossa
Guest columnist

During these extraordinary times, when family life is disrupted by the coronavirus outbreak, schools, organizations, and community activities are closed. While parents work to establish new routines at home and help their teens adapt, they may also be thinking about how to help their teens quit vaping or smoking.

Youth are spending more time in the house and may be more stressed than usual. Parents may especially want to encourage quitting because of evidence coming out that vaping, like smoking, harms the ability of the lungs to fight infection.

Are you concerned that your teenagers may be vaping? What are signs to look for? How can you help? Here are suggestions from the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance (www.qhsua.org) and the Tobacco-Free Community Partnerships in Massachusetts to help you deal with vaping, including resources for learning more.

You can start by mentioning something that you heard about vaping. Tell them the facts: e-cigarettes contain nicotine; nicotine is a highly addictive substance. The smoke from vapes is an aerosol, not water vapor. The aerosol can contain harmful substances. The resources below can help you learn more.

Q: How can I tell if my child or loved one is vaping?

A: Many types of e-cigarettes are made to resemble everyday items and come in fruity, minty and candy-like flavors. So, you may not recognize a vaping device or an e-liquid scent.

Here are subtle signs your child might be vaping:

Unexplained sweet scent – If you notice a sweet scent that is unexplainable, it might be a flavored e-juice for a vaping device.

Unfamiliar products – If you come across unusual looking items such as unusual pens or USB drives or an unfamiliar battery or battery charging device, they could be associated with vaping.

The best way to know is to educate yourself about the products and to talk with your kids.

Q: What is in e-cigarettes and vapes? I hear that it is just flavored water. What is so bad about them?

A: E-cigarettes produce an aerosol, commonly called vapor, which users inhale from the device and exhale. This aerosol may have harmful and potentially harmful substances. E-cigarettes use pre-filled pods or e-liquids/e-juices that are added to the device. E-liquids generally consist of propylene glycol, glycerin, water, nicotine, and flavorings.

Q: What can I do to prevent my child or loved ones from vaping?

A: Simply talking with your child about these products can help protect them. Let them know that you care about them and that vaping is not safe. Be patient and ready to listen; there is no “perfect time” to talk. Your goal is to have a conversation, not to deliver a lecture. So avoid criticism and encourage an open dialogue.

Q: How can I encourage youth and young adults to quit vaping?

A: There are currently two free programs available in Massachusetts to help youth and young adults quit vaping, smoking or using other tobacco products.

This is Quitting powered by truth is a texting program for young people who want to quit vaping. It is a free, confidential 30-day program during which youth receive texts with information, tips and support. They receive daily text messages to help them prepare to quit and supportive texts from young people who have been through the program. To enroll in the program, youth text “VapeFreeMass” to 88709. Go to mass.gov/quit to learn more.

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Baystate Health sets up equipment donation hotline

SPRINGFIELD – The phone hasn’t stopped ringing since Adam Quenneville recently put out an A.P.B. to local contractors to donate new N95 surgical respirator masks with NIOSH on the labeling to Baystate Health. Contractor calls and calls from other sources prompted Baystate Health to set up a donations hotline so it can review the calls to determine whether the supplies that are donated can be used by clinicians and how to drop them off.

“Our brotherhood of contractors is really coming together

to get this done,” said Adam Quenneville, organizer of the drive. “Contractors from all over are reaching out to me directly. I am referring them to the new number at Baystate Health where they can learn if their donations can be used by staff and how to get their donations to the hospital. We still need more N95 masks. Let’s keep it coming! Thank you and be well.”

“We continue to hear from contractors,” said Mary Persaud, consultant with clinical value analysis at Baystate Health. “Thank you.”

She is coordinating the donation process to keep it safe and organized. N95 respirator masks with NIOSH imprinted on the labeling are designed to protect against particulate matter such as dust, fumes, mists, aerosols and smoke particulates. They are effective against biological particles such as pollen, mold spores, bacteria, viruses, animal dander and allergens, and aerosolized droplets invisible to the naked eye. To make a donation Phone: 413-794-2025, or email covid19PPE@baystate-health.org.

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He suggests three proven ways to prevent child abuse and increase children’s resilience in these difficult times. Three elements of the “Strengthening Families Approach” are easily adapted to the current crisis – social connectedness, practical help in times of need, and knowledge of parenting and child development.

“We are supported and sustained by our relationship with others. We need to find ways to connect ourselves for sanity while isolating ourselves for safety,” said Boos about being socially connected.

He suggests scheduling time in your day for phone calls, video chats, neighborly talks over the fence, and walks in the woods while keeping the group small and maintaining that six-foot isolation.

“We should plan this for our own families before the stress gets to us. We can also reach out to other families for whom we had concerns before the current pandemic,” he said.

Practical help also matters, whether it is a government check, someone dropping off groceries at your door or lending you a computer or Wi-Fi connection, or the charity of neighbors.

“Anything that makes it easier to get through the day, and espe-

cially something that tells you that your community cares about you, can give you the energy to tolerate one more complaint of boredom or one more tantrum by your child,” said Boos.

Yet the hardest of the three elements is upping your game on parenting when you are stressed out and serving the role of parent, teacher, daycare provider, and after school activities director, he noted.

“I encourage parents to build a rational schedule for themselves and their children. You should plan for a regular wake up time, time for schoolwork in modest tolerable chunks, and rewarding and fun activities including screen time, social connecting, exercise, and spiritual or religious meditation. Adults need time to attend to themselves and to renew the primary parent-to-parent relationship. It is also good to schedule limited media time to check on the epidemic and not follow it obsessively from moment to moment,” said Boos.

“When things are going well, tell your kids what they are doing that is helpful, how it is helping you, and how much you appreciate it. Do this often and occasionally give them a reward. When things aren’t going so well, let the child know without yelling or lecturing, but by saying it in a quiet word, simple gesture or other signal. And, don’t forget sleep.

Set a bedtime, get all screens off a couple of hours beforehand, and schedule relaxing quiet activities in a darkened environment before bed,” he said.

The Baystate pediatrician offered the following encouraging words in these difficult times.

“All of these recommendations are good for normal times as well. If we can gain these skills, connections and systems through this hard time, they can benefit us when it is all over and serve us when other adversity occurs in the future. When the coronavirus pandemic ends, we will find that the long term payback was well worth the effort,” said Boos.

Assistance for parents or guardians relating to children during the coronavirus pandemic is available by calling the Parental Stress Line at 1-800-632-8188 available 24/7 in all languages, or visiting the Massachusetts organization at parentshelpingparents.org.

Resources for parents and caregivers to help keep children safe from child sexual abuse are available at stopitnow.org or calling 1-888-PREVENT. Reports of suspected abuse can be made to the Department of Children and Families hotline at 1-800-792-5200.

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PVIAC plans to keep tournament going

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REGION – While the state will move toward implementing a state-wide tournament in the fall of 2021, at least one section plans to attempt to have its own tournament.

The Pioneer Valley Inter-scholastic Athletic Conference, the governing body of the sports played by schools in Western Massachusetts, has confirmed it will seek to have its own tournament, likely to be built into the regular season.

David Stratton, athletic director of Agawam High School, and a member of the PVIAC Board of Directors, said his board is going to pursue options to hold a similar sectional tournament for most sports.

Lou Conte, a former athletic director at Agawam, and the PVIAC's Executive Secretary, said the PVIAC is working on gathering as much information as possible to propose what a tournament would look like.

"We have experience having tournaments," said Conte. "We do

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MIAA board still hopes to have tournaments

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The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association still seems hopeful of having a spring season as well as a spring tournament after "going back on its decision."

In a vote held in mid-March, the Board of Directors voted that it would cancel tournament play if the start date for spring sports was delayed past April 27.

When Gov. Charlie Baker announced on March 25 that the closure of schools, non-essential businesses, and a general stay-at-home advisory would extended until May 4, the MIAA and its board knew it would obviously be unable to start practices prior to that May 4.

The board then met again on March 30, agreeing that that the season can begin no earlier than May 4.

However, in a surprise turn, the board did not follow through on its decision to cancel tournaments. Instead, the season was extended from June 20 to June 27 (or June 28 pending weather and facility needs). That vote was a unanimous 19-0 decision.

This means if Massachusetts is able to re-open schools and allow high school sports to commence, there will still be a tournament.

However, one caveat that is still in play is an ironic one.

If there is a tournament, the

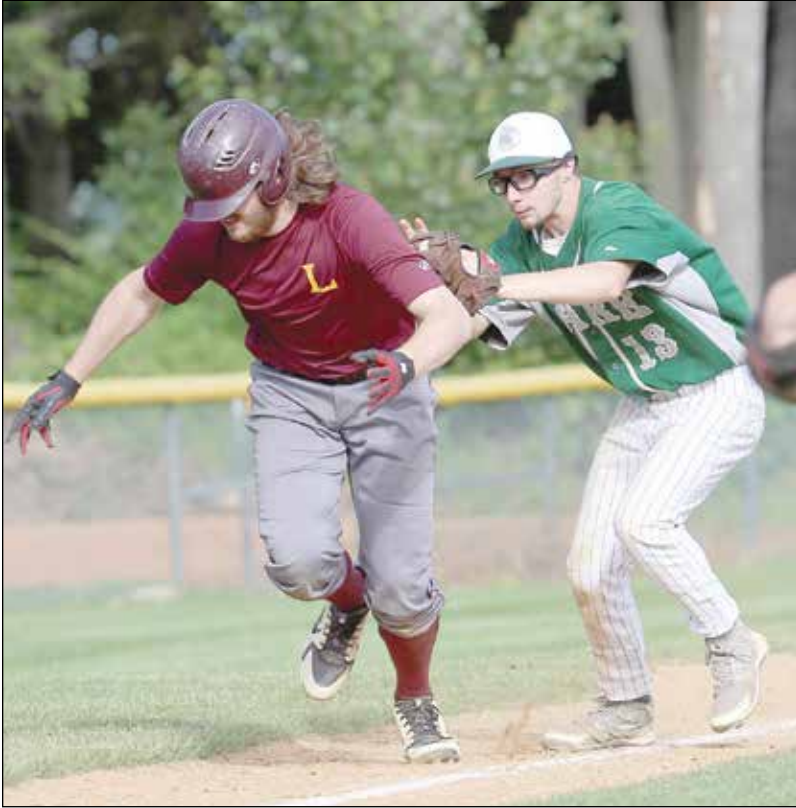
tournament will only be the four individual sectional tournaments held. There will be no state tournament. A little more than a month ago, the state's schools voted to go to a statewide tournament rather than have sectional tournaments, with the four sectional champions facing off in a state tournament.

A few other votes took place at the March 30 meeting, which was held by teleconference, much like the last few meetings of the MIAA BOD. The board is still requiring seven days from the first day of practice before games can be played. This means that no actual contests can take place before May 11.

Under the rules set up at the March 24 board meeting, schools will play between eight and 12 actual contests. This will be the case for baseball, softball, boys and girls lacrosse, tennis, and boys volleyball. To qualify for tournament, a team must have at least eight contests. There are typically between 16 and 20 contests for most sports, though tennis sometimes ranges between 14 and 20 contests for an individual school.

The new cutoff date for regular season contests will be June 12 with seeding occurring on June 13. Tournaments would begin on June 15.

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The Western Massachusetts tournament has yielded special memories for many of the area schools that participate. The PVIAC hopes to keep the tournament alive after the state made the decision to hold a statewide tournament only. That tournament will begin in fall 2021.

Golf season derailed by coronavirus closures

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REGION – Sports have become non-existent since the coronavirus took over daily life in Massachusetts and the entire country.

But for a while, there was one sport many people could turn to: golf. Golf could have been a beautiful activity given that it lends itself to social distancing and does not involve too many people in the same place at the same time.

But social distancing was not enough, and Gov. Charlie Baker closed all non-essential businesses and issued the stay-at-home advisory, which is now extended until May 4.

Unfortunately for some golf courses, they had to close up shop after it appeared an early spring was going to allow for people to get some rounds in.

Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown opened up on March 9. David Wright said the course opened

and remained open for a couple of weeks. But the non-essential business closure made by Baker cut the early season short and Wright said the course has been closed on March 20.

"A small maintenance crew will be started part time on Monday, April 6 and will be doing just the minimum to keep the course in shape," said Wright. "We also took out all the tees and markers and placed a sign up saying the course is closed."

Unlike the issues that have had Springfield Mayor Dominic Sarno publicly chiding people for using golf courses in Springfield, places like Cold Spring and Chicopee Country Club have not had issues with intruders using the course on their own.

Since the non-essential business closure, the Alliance of Massachusetts Golf Organizations negotiated with the governor to at least allow courses to begin maintaining the courses. The maintenance factor is crucial, otherwise courses

run the risk that the courses will not be ready at the moment the order is lifted.

Mike O'Neill, representing Chicopee Country Club, said he was very pleased with the ability to keep the course up.

"Being allowed to continue maintenance during those temporary closures ensures the course will be ready for operations in the near future," said O'Neill. "We all share the same goal of returning to recreational normalcy, when clubs can welcome golfers back to the tee."

O'Neill encourages people to heed the advice of state and federal officials to maintain social distancing.

"We ask that the people in the Massachusetts golf community work through this together in a respectful and responsible way by following the protocols of the CDC, WHO, and local health officials," said O'Neill.

Registrations piling in for start of Modified season

SEEKONK – The COVID-19 pandemic may have delayed the start of the Tri Track Open Modified Series season, but the list of entered drivers and car owners for 2020 continues to grow just over a month before the drop of the first scheduled green flag.

For those who haven't seen, the start of the season has been delayed until May 9 at Monadnock Speedway -- but that date is fluid, depending on how the pandemic develops. As of this writing, the entire schedule remains in place, with Monadnock on May 9 and Claremont Speedway on May 24th opening the season.

"We're still on target for May 9 as of now," Wayne Darling, one of two Managing Partner's for the Tri Track Open Modified Series, said. "Our registrations are growing daily -- with some stout talent lined up to compete for a large purse. We also want to remind everyone about the Pepsi Challenge, which will pay heat race winners in 2020."

A former series champion and countless winners are on the current entry list -- one filled with talent from top to bottom. Defending series champion Ronnie Williams is looking to repeat in 2020, with car owner Gary Casella, as the combination comes back fired up and ready for more. They were able to visit Victory Lane at Seekonk Speedway last year as part of the \$10,000 to win Open Wheel Wednesday before earning their crown.

Ron Silk and Chase Dowling, two drivers who earned victories last year, are both back with the same team. Silk teams with Bob

Horn, as Dowling teams with Jimmy Paige. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour is also well represented.

Matt Swanson, who drives for the historic Boehler Racing on the tour, will drive for Larry Westgate in a car prepared by Boehler Racing, carrying the famed 'Ole Blue' colors. Woody Pitkat, who is back teaming with Stan Mertz, returns to wheel the No. 6, while former NASCAR Modified Tour Rookie of the year Calvin Carroll returns to Tri Track for another round.

On the veteran front, Kirk Alexander, Les Hinkleley and Tommy Barrett are coming back.

Weekly SK Modified racers from Stafford Speedway set to compete with Tri Track in 2020 include Matt Gallo and Andrew Molleur, one of many upcoming Modified stars. Mike Willis, who earned his first Tri Track win last year at his home track of Claremont, is coming back, this time with car owner Cam McDermott. Rising stars Ryan Doucette, Dylan Izzo, Brian Robie and Derek Robbie are also on the list.

Additional entries include Jim Gavek, Andrew Charron, Carl Medeiros Jr., Matt Kimball and Austin Kochenash. Look for car owner Rick Kluth to unload a car with a new number, No. 44, with a driver TBA.

For more information on the Tri Track Open Modified Series, follow the series on the web at tri-trackmodifieds.com and on social media, including Facebook and Instagram. Any additional updates regarding the schedule will be released when available.

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Late Bryant headlines next Hall of Fame class

SPRINGFIELD – Today on ESPN, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced the nine honorees in the Class of 2020 presented by Fifty-Five South Ventures. The Class of 2020 will be enshrined in Springfield, Massachusetts, the Birthplace of Basketball, on Saturday, Aug. 29.

As previously announced, in light of the unique circumstance surrounding the Class of 2020, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Election Process Committee suspended the Direct Election Categories for one year with the exception of the International Committee. This year’s distinguished class includes honorees from the North American committee, Women’s Committee and International Committee. To be elected, North American and Women’s Committee finalists must receive 18 of 24 votes from the Honors Committee for election into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

The Class of 2020 includes: 18-time NBA All-Star and five-time NBA champion Kobe Bryant, 15-time NBA All-Star and three-time NBA Finals MVP Tim Duncan, 15-time NBA All-Star and nine-time NBA All-Defensive First Team selection Kevin Garnett, four-time National Coach of the Year Eddie Sutton, two-time NBA Champion coach Rudy Tomjanovich, 10-time WNBA All-Star and four-time Olympic gold medalist Tamika Catchings, three-time NCAA National Championship Coach of Baylor Kim Mulkey, five-time Division II National Coach of the Year Barbara Stevens and longtime FIBA executive Patrick Baumann.

“The Class of 2020 is undoubt-

edly one of the most historic of all time and the talent and social influence of these nine honorees is beyond measure,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. “In 2020, the basketball community has suffered the unimaginable loss of iconic figures Commissioner David Stern and Kobe Bryant, as well as the game itself due to COVID-19. We have also banded together like never before in appreciation of the game and those who have made it the uniting force it is today. Today we thank the Class of 2020 for all they have done for the game of basketball and we look forward to celebrating them at Enshrinement in August.”

The Class of 2020 Enshrinement festivities will begin at Mohegan Sun on Friday, Aug. 28 with the newly formatted Enshrinement Tip-Off Celebration and Awards Gala. The Class of 2020 and over 50 returning Hall of Famers will then journey to Springfield, Mass. for the annual celebratory events taking place at the newly renovated Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and Springfield Symphony Hall on the Aug. 29. The second day of events in Springfield will include a special community-focused Celebration Day on the Aug. 30.

Ticket packages to the 2020 Enshrinement Ceremony and all Enshrinement events are on sale now and available online at www.hoophall.com or by calling the Basketball Hall of Fame at (413) 231-5513. Premium Sponsors of Enshrinement 2020 include Fifty-Five South Ventures, Nike, Baron Championship Rings, Mohegan Sun and Panini.

Valley Wheel Baseball looking for new players

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday games thrown in the mix as well as a special Mother’s Day Saturday game in early May. However, due to the current circumstances, the league schedule has been pushed

back. The league still plans to play its season once bans on gatherings are lifted. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good time with friends. If interested in trying out, go to www.valley-wheelbaseball.com. The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site. For further information, you can contact the league’s commissioner, Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net or call him at (413) 433-4308. Tryouts will be taking place in the early weeks of April, weather permitting, with a draft following the tryouts.

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one for indoor track, outdoor track, and cross country. But we have not done them with the team sports. We would have to see how the logistics would work out.”

Among the more popular tournaments are fall tournaments for soccer and the winter tournament for basketball to name Western Mass. champions in those respective sports. Stratton believes the region still deserves to have a tournament.

“The tournament has always been important to the schools, and to the kids,” said Stratton. “Our board would like to see us have a sectional tournament still.

Many schools in Western and Central Massachusetts opposed the statewide tournament proposal in a vote taken on Feb. 28 at Assabet Valley Technical High School. The vote saw more than 330 schools participate, with the majority deciding to go with a statewide tournament. More than 100 votes went against the proposal, meaning some Eastern Massachusetts schools voted against it, some feeling the proposal needed more time to develop.

Conte said there are a lot of logistics that will need to be worked out if Western Mass. tournaments are to be continued under the PVIAC umbrella. Among the many logistics to be considered will be how to fund the tournaments. The MIAA helps fund the current tournaments, which include staffing the neutral sites and paying for some

venues. One thing working for the PVIAC would be more flexibility in where games could be held.

Western Massachusetts would also have to consider dropping regular season games in order to find time to hold the tournament. Because the statewide tournaments will be a 32-team bracket, it will be five to six rounds. The sixth round will be a preliminary phases to get .500-qualifying teams an opportunity to make the round of 32.

Current sectional tournaments are typically played over the course of two weeks, with the semifinals and finals of a state tournament between the sectional champions occurring in a third week. All three of those weeks would likely be needed to play new state tournament format, so Stratton said it was likely a week or more would have to be removed from the end of the regular season in order to fit in a sectional tournament. This would lower the number of regular season games played by Western Mass. schools, and could hurt those schools’ chances for higher seeds in a state tournament. Fewer games played could result in fewer opportunities for wins, which plays into the MaxPreps formula, which will be used to determine state tournament seeds.

While there is a hold on meetings regarding a sectional tournament during the coronavirus pandemic, the subject will continue to be discussed in the coming months.

new guidance has been put out by the state government.

Current CDC guidelines and federal advisories limit interaction to groups of no more than 10 people. It is possible, depending on how rigorously the guidelines are relaxed, that athletes are able to play sports the remainder of the spring, but they could have to do so without any crowds present.

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Additionally, the board tasked the Tournament Management Committee, which has been working closely with the Board of Directors, with coming up with a tournament structure to be submitted to the board for April 9.

A future board meeting has not been scheduled, but board meetings have been called each time

Public safety

Ware Police Log

Tuesday, March 31
1 a.m. Assist Other Agency South Street – Area Searched Negative Find
5:12 a.m. Vandalism Babcock Tavern Road – Investigation Pending
12:37 p.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Services Rendered
2:46 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Wildflower Drive – Services Rendered
4:02 p.m. Disturbance North Street – Services Rendered
8:37 p.m. Erratic Operator Complaint West Street – Area Searched Negative Find
9:50 p.m. Disturbance Prospect Street – Services Rendered
10:28 p.m. Disturbance Prospect Street – Area Searched Negative Find
11:22 p.m. Ambulance Request North Street – Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, April 1
7 a.m. Alarm Burglar West Street – Services Rendered
10:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Gould Road – Citation Issued
10:10 a.m. Disturbance Prospect Street – Services Rendered
11:59 a.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village – Services Rendered
12:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Warren Road – Written Warning
12:29 p.m. Stolen Vehicle Report Glendale Circle – Services Rendered
1:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Warren Road – Written Warning
2:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Warren Road – Written Warning
2:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation South Street – Citation Issued
3:07 p.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Services Rendered
4:26 p.m. Disturbance Otis Avenue – Services Rendered
6:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Upper Church Street – Written Warning
7:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Pulaski Street – Written Warning
8:20 p.m. Alarm Burglar West Street – Services Rendered
10:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning
11:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning

Thursday, April 2
5:53 a.m. Ambulance Request Church Street – Referred to Other Agency
9:34 a.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered
2:05 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Gould Road – Services Rendered
2:14 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering Wildflower Drive – Services Rendered
2:59 p.m. Vandalism West Street – Services Rendered
3:24 p.m. Trash Dumping Complaint Church Street – Services Rendered
6:54 p.m. Trash Dumping Complaint Belchertown Road – Referred to Other Agency
9:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Main Street – Written Warning
11:06 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Church Street – Area Searched Negative Find

Warren Police Log

Sunday, March 29
10:21 a.m. Officer Wanted Central Street – Services Rendered
5:09 p.m. Highway/Water/Sewer Calls Quaboag Street – Message Delivered
5:55 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent South Street – Confirmed Misdial
7:39 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Southbridge Road – Transported to Hospital
7:48 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Bemis Road – Referred to Other Agency

Monday, March 30
12:22 a.m. 911 Transfer South Street – Call Transferred
12:52 a.m. Parking Violation Bacon Street – Parking Citation Issued
8:34 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Milton O. Fountain Way – Confirmed Misdial
7:02 p.m. Disturbance Noise Complaint Crescent Street – Transported to Hospital
8:18 p.m. Fraud Main Street – Report Filed

Tuesday, March 31
12:13 a.m. Animal Complaint Constitution Avenue – Message Delivered
11:08 a.m. Welfare Check Old West Brookfield Road – Transported to Hospital
3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Main Street – Vehicle Towed
4:03 p.m. Illegal Dumping Reed Street – Officer Advised
4:17 p.m. Identity Theft Milton O. Fountain Way – Officer Took Call
6:02 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Crouch Road – Negative

Friday, April 3
4:30 a.m. Disturbance North Street – Services Rendered
11:17 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Gould Road – Services Rendered
12:33 p.m. Ambulance Request Main Street – Services Rendered
12:38 p.m. Threat Report Dale Street – Services Rendered
3:36 p.m. Missing Person Fisherdict Road – Services Rendered
7:03 p.m. Fire, Report Belchertown Road – Services Rendered
11:39 p.m. Disturbance Otis Avenue – Services Rendered

Saturday, April 4
9:36 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Aspen Street – Services Rendered
10:29 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Aspen Street- Services Rendered
10:55 a.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village – Services Rendered
11:11 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
12 p.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village – Services Rendered
12:31 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Gould Road – No Police Service Necessary
7:28 p.m. Disturbance West Street – Services Rendered
7:54 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Vernon Street – Services Rendered
8:15 p.m. Disturbance Beaver Lake Road – Area Searched Negative Find

Sunday, March 29
Contact
9:27 p.m. Larceny Pulaski Street – No Police Service Necessary
10:11 p.m. 911 Transfer Mass Pike – Call Transferred

Wednesday, April 1
9:40 a.m. Neighbor Dispute Cronin Road – Report Filed
3:56 p.m. Property Damage Crouch Road – Officer Spoke to Party
4:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Criminal Complaint
6:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Main Street – Officer Spoke to Party
10:57 p.m. Fire, Structure School Street – Fire Extinguished
11:49 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Winthrop Terrace – Ambulance Signed Refusal

Thursday, April 2
12:17 a.m. Assist Other Police Department Town Farm Road – Services Rendered
9:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old West Warren Road – Criminal Complaint
11:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Personal Injury Whiskey Hill – Ambulance Signed Refusal
12:27 p.m. Wires Down Hines Avenue – Message Delivered
1:45 p.m. Community Policing Main Street – Area Patrolled
4:09 p.m. Property Damage Milton O. Fountain Way – Message Delivered
5:22 p.m. Suspicious Person Brimfield Road – Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, April 3
7:39 a.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Main Street – Report Filed
9:21 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Brook

11:59 p.m. Ambulance Request Coffey Hill Road – Referred to Other Agency

Sunday, April 5
1:30 p.m. Fire, Report Upper North Street – Referred to Other Agency
3:35 p.m. Hang-up, 911 Call Osborne Road – Area Searched Negative Find
4:06 p.m. Harassment Complaint Hillside Village – Advised Civil Action
4:10 p.m. Disturbance West Street – Services Rendered
6:13 p.m. Ambulance Request Main Street – Referred to Other Agency
10:06 p.m. Missing Person North Street – Services Rendered
10:46 p.m. Missing Person North Street – Services Rendered

Monday, April 6
1:11 a.m. Fire, Report West Main Street – Investigation Pending
6:54 a.m. Harassment Complaint East Street – Services Rendered
8:18 a.m. Alarm Panic Maple Street – Services Rendered
8:21 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Berkshire Drive – Services Rendered
10:25 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Main Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
11:27 a.m. Harassment Complaint Kelly Road – Services Rendered
1:27 p.m. Fire, Report Old Belchertown Road – Services Rendered
2:18 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Beach Road – Services Rendered
2:18 pm. Suspicious Activity/ Person Pine Street – Services Rendered
2:50 p.m. Harassment Complaint North Street – Services Rendered
3:08 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report West Street – Services Rendered
3:28 p.m. Alarm Burglar Robbins Road – Services Rendered
5:15 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Main Street – Services Rendered
6:48 p.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village – Referred to Other Agency

Tuesday, April 7
12:05 a.m. Alarm Burglar West Street – Services Rendered
5:31 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call North Street – Services Rendered
11:02 a.m. Ambulance Request Longview Avenue – Services Rendered
12:30 p.m. Accident, Vehicle School Street

Road – Services Rendered
11:57 a.m. Disturbance – Person(s) Main Street – Investigated
12:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious South Street – Officer Spoke to Party
2:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Highland Street – Vehicle Towed
Summons: Piotr Obara-Blumel, 62, Queens, NY
Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
3:38 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) South Street – Transported to Hospital
5:30 p.m. 911 Transfer Brimfield - Call Transferred

Saturday, April 4
12:34 a.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Main Street – Peace Restored
11:04 a.m. Property Dispute South Street – Officer Spoke to Party
3:02 p.m. Complaint Keys Road – Information Taken
9:34 p.m. Property Dispute Milton O. Fountain Way – Report Filed

Hardwick Police Log

Monday, March 30
3:30 p.m. 911 – Phone Calls – Officer Handled
5:12 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Greenwich Road – Transported to Hospital
5:49 p.m. 911 – Alarm Barre Road – Building Checked/Secured

Tuesday, March 31
10:10 a.m. Phone – Motor Vehicle Investigation New Braintree Road – Investigated
11:44 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Street – Transported to Hospital
4:51 p.m. 911 – Hang-up Call Jackson Road – Investigated
10:11 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Bridge Street – Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, April 1
12:17 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Lane – Transported to Hospital
5:46 p.m. Phone – Found/ Lost Property Joslyn Road – Investigated

Thursday, April 2
9:49 a.m. Initiated – Property Damage Barre Road – Officer Handled
5:49 p.m. 911 – Assist Citizen Greenwich Road – Services Rendered

Friday, April 3
3:42 p.m. Initiated – Snow Ban/Parking Violation Railroad Lane – Citation Issued
9:02 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Pine Street – Gone On Arrival

Saturday, April 4
4:19 p.m. Phone – Medical Emergency Hardwick Road – Services Rendered
4:57 p.m. Phone – Assist Other Agency Hardwick/New Braintree – Services Rendered
8:01 p.m. 911 – Suspicious Activity Ruggles Hill Road – Spoken To

New Braintree Police Log

Tuesday, March 31
3:59 p.m. Phone – Forgery/ Fraud Gilbertville Road – Officer Handled

Wednesday, April 1
8:52 p.m. Initiated – Investigation Ravine Road – Investigated


Thursday, April 2
12:02 p.m. Initiated – Disabled Motor Vehicle Hardwick Road – Vehicle Towed

Saturday, April 4
11:52 a.m. Phone – Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations Bernard Whitney Road – Spoken To

Sunday, April 5
1:50 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Moore Road – Transported to Hospital
4:41 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Moore Road – Transported to Hospital

Monday, April 6
6:17 a.m. Phone – Motor Vehicle Accident Worcester Road – Services Rendered
7:58 a.m. Phone – Alarm Gilbertville Road – Spoken To

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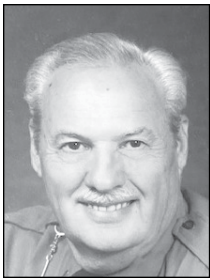


obituaries

Richard C. Aldrich Sr.



WARE – Richard (Dick) Aldrich Sr., 88, of Ware, passed away on April 5, 2020, at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care center in West Brookfield. Dick was born on June 7, 1931, in Northampton, to the late Bernard and Clara (Greanier) Aldrich, growing up in Pelham and graduating from Amherst High School.



Dick leaves his son, Richard (Jennifer) Aldrich, Jr., family, Faith (Bernie) Dulak, David Hamelin, all of Ware, Paul (Dawn) Hamelin of Arizona, Lee McMahon (Mike) of Texas, Connie Jean (Jordan) Bourgault of Mississippi, and Eric Hamelin, of Louisiana. He leaves nine grandchildren: Jacqueline, Jessica, Patrick, Michael, Robert, Daniel, Angela, Jodi and Megan; 11 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He also leaves his two sisters, Marguerite McCassie and Linda (Peter) Mottarella, and sister-in-law, Harriette Aldrich.

Dick was predeceased by his beloved wife, Constance. Dick and Connie, or “The Mrs.” as he liked to call her, celebrated 41 years together, and enjoyed traveling, spending time at the Cape, attending Marine Corps reunions and observing happy hour with a Manhattan. He was also predeceased by his brothers, Bernard (Bing) Aldrich and Kenneth Aldrich.

Enlisting in the Marine Corps, Dick proudly served in Korea from

August 1952 to September 1953 in the 1st Tank Battalion of the 1st Marine Division. He earned the following: Navy Commendation 1st Marine Division in Korea, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Korea War Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal Korea. Dick loved telling stories, and one of his favorites was sharing how his brother, Kenny, and he were surprisingly brought together on Christmas Day in 1952 while both were serving in Korea. A member of the Marine Corps League, Earl F. Howe American Legion Post 123 of Ware, and Marine Corps Tankers Association, Dick valued being a part of the Honor Squad and could always be seen marching in the local parades.

Dick worked as a corrections officer at the Hampshire County Jail & House of Correction in Northampton, reaching the rank of captain and working as the ID officer before retiring in 1990 after 35 years of service. After retiring, he treasured catching up and retelling stories with the “young guys” still working there.

Later, he worked for several years at Charbonneau Home in Ware as a funeral assistant.

An outdoorsman, he was an avid deer hunter, scouting and hunting with his son. Many of his fondest

memories were from years vacationing on Cape Cod with family, in particular days spent at Sunken Meadow Beach and deep-sea fishing. At family picnics, he could be found by the horseshoe pits, playing horseshoes and appreciating a good cigar. Another pastime included playing golf with Bones and the late Fr. Fitzgerald. Always willing to lend a hand, he enjoyed helping his son-in-law, Bernie, using his chainsaw to clear trees and anything in his way up at “the farm.”

Since cooking was not in his repertoire, he could be found many mornings at Crystal Springs having breakfast with the usual crew. Most recently, Dick took nostalgic rides, meandering through the roads in Pelham, Amherst, and Northampton, towns he loved, having grown up and worked in those areas.

He was a communicant of All Saints Church and the former Mount Carmel Church of Ware.

Due to social restrictions at this time, a Memorial Service and Celebration of his Life will be scheduled at a later date. Donations may be made to the Marine Corps League Scholarship Fund c/o David Lavallie, PO Box 1282, Bondsville, MA 01009, or to All Saints Church of Ware, 17 North Street, Ware, MA 01082.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant Street in Ware is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com.

Rita Pariseau Pigeon

WARE – Rita Pariseau Pigeon (Charpentier) 95, of Ware, died on



April 5 2020, at her daughter’s home in Warren, Rhode Island. Rita was the daughter of Arthur H. and Amanda (Piche) Charpentier.

She was the wife of the late Alfred Pigeon and the late George Pariseau. Rita was predeceased by her brother, Leo Charpentier, and sister, Doris Brunelle.

Rita worked at Philips Pharmacy (later known as Rite Aid) for 25 years. She then moved to Montreal, Canada, where she worked at Montreal General Children’s Hospital before retiring.

Rita is survived by her brother, Normand Charpentier, of Palmer, her three children; Paul Pariseau (Rosalie), Roger Pariseau (Judy) both of Ware, and her daughter Renette Whitty (Jonathan), of Warren, Rhode Island, and her good friend, Jane

Death notices

Aldrich, Richard C., Sr.
Died April 5, 2020
Memorial Service at a later date
Charbonneau Funeral Home
Ware

Pigeon, Rita Pariseau (Charpentier)
Died April 5, 2020
Memorial Mass at a later date
Charbonneau Funeral Home
Ware

Wojcik, of Ware. She loved her six grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Rita will be truly missed by friends and family everywhere.

The burial service is private. A memorial Mass and Celebration of Rita’s life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, make a donation to your local hospice or “Ware, Making the Bells Ring.” Town of Ware, Attn: Bells, Ware Historical Commission, 126 Main St., Ware, MA 01082.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware is assisting her family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com.

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QRSD superintendent commends district team

By Ellenor Downer
Staff writer

BARRE – Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir said, “I can’t believe the work accomplished,” as she commended the district team during a Zoom meeting last Wednesday.

She said she encouraged working at home, but some functions in the offices cannot be done remotely. Plants and facilities began doing summer work now. Staff are taking professional learning opportunities.

All offices are regularly sanitized. The plants and facilities staff cleaned and sanitized all school spaces. Once cleaned, the areas will be closed off and inaccessible.

Lunch distribution

School closed late Friday, March 13. By Tuesday, March 16, the Hardwick Elementary School and the Quabbin Middle High School were distributing lunches. She said she knew there was a great need. Beginning March 17, 22 families from the middle high school and 83 families from Hardwick participated. A week later participation was 133 at the middle high school and 126 at Hardwick Elementary. The cafeteria staff distributes breakfast and lunch. Volunteer staff delivered to families who could not get to any of the sites.

Muir said she originally was informed that United States Department of Agriculture was providing reimbursement to schools with over 50 percent free or reduced lunch enrollment. Hardwick qualified, but the middle

high school did not. She said she later learned the district would be reimbursed for the meal distribution at the middle high school as well.

Starting Friday, April 3, week-end meals will be provided. The district discussed reducing meal distribution to Monday, Wednesday and Friday to cut exposure and to decrease trips parents make.

Muir said educators were working very hard to support students on remote learning and putting together choice boards. The tech team and teachers continued to collaborate and offered new activities every week. Muir said educators were holding office hours and principals continued to have staff meetings, both remotely.

DESE guidelines

Originally, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education wanted teachers to focus on tasks already learned. Now, it wants new information offered as well. The district was also working on providing remote education for special education students.

Positive feedback

The superintendent said, “[I’m] receiving positive messages from parents about the teachers.” School committee member Dr. Richard Allan said, “kudos go to the teachers.”

Central office

Muir said job responsibilities have not changed a lot. Online meetings with the Education Commissioner were time consuming and occurred at a weekly basis. A primary endeavor involved sup-

porting teachers.

Technology team

The technology team keeps busy providing tech support to teachers. Some families do not have computers or internet service. The district has enough Chrome books and laptops to distribute to all middle and high school students and elementary student from third to sixth grade. Andrew Walsh said in survey, 100 families said they did not have devices and some families had not Internet service. He said most devices were beyond warranty and cost for licensing was \$24 per student or \$11,000. Cost of a new Chrome book was \$2,500.

Muir said she was trying to provide equity for all students including students that do not have internet access. The curriculum provides online and offline activities.

Budget

Currently all employees and vendors are being paid. A couple of employee groups had to shift to professional development. The extended day staff, lunch and recess monitors are being paid and engaging in professional development. DESE strongly urged school districts to pay these employees.

The School Committee voted to continue to pay transportation workers and to negotiate with the bus company in the best interest of the district following DESE recommended guidelines. Member Peggy Thompson abstained from the voted.

Muir said by April 30 the school committee by law must provide assessments to the member towns.

Calianos, Program Coordinator, Hampshire Franklin Tobacco-Free Community Partnership; mcalianos@collaborative.org

Gail Gramarossa, MPH, CHES, wrote this article with resources from the Hampshire Franklin Tobacco-Free Community Partnership and can be reached at ggramarossa@townofware.com. For more information about local efforts to prevent and reduce substance use, contact the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance. Join them by going to their Facebook page, website at www.qhsua.org or send email to info@qhsua.org

If you or a loved one needs help for substance abuse, call the state-wide information line at 1-800-327-5050 (TTY: 1-800-439-2370); the phone line is open Monday-Friday 8am-10pm and on week-ends from 9am-5pm. You can also visit the website: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/stop-addiction/>.



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Phone numbers: 413-967-5913; 413-967-4963
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Emails: allsaintschurch17@gmail.com
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Mass Schedule:
4:00 PM Saturday - All Saints
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5:30 PM Sunday - All Saints (till future change)

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Saturday 8:00 AM at St. Mary’s - Miraculous Medal Novena

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3 Oakham Rd., P.O. Box 202
New Braintree 508-867-3306

The Tri-Parish Community Church represents the communities of Gilbertville, Hardwick, and New Braintree. Our service will begin at 10:00. Bible Study begins on 9/13 at 8:15 am - 9:30am. Choir Rehearsals are at 9am and Sunday School returns on 9/13 at 10:00 am. We are worshipping at The First Universalist Church of Hardwick, 9 Ruggles Hill Rd. Hardwick through December. All are welcome to worship and join in fellowship and light refreshment following the service.

Change of Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am - noon. Heidi Jeldres, Administrative Assistant. (508)867-3306 tri-parish@verizon.net.

Appointments can be scheduled at either the Pastor’s office or at your home when needed. Please contact Pastor Deb to make arrangements. debashesps@aol.com or (413)478-0731. Beginning 7/6 our Worship Service move to The First Universalist Church of Hardwick through the end of the year. From 7/6 - 8/31 Worship will begin at 9:30 am. All are welcome.

The mission of the Tri-Parish Community Church is service to God by working together as a church to alleviate suffering and to foster hope, love and the word of Jesus Christ among our family and neighbors here and throughout the world.

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Reverend John Hamm
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Website: www.quabbinvalleychurch.net

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Sunday 10:30, Sunday Worship
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Free Community Meal: First Tuesday of the month. All are welcome

TEACHERS’ NOTES

Distance learning and staying in touch

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WEST BROOKFIELD – The Quaboag Current asked teachers to let us know how teachers, and their students, are faring as the stay-at-home order continues.

This week we heard from two West Brookfield Elementary School teachers about how they are staying in touch with their students.

“Even our youngest learners at WBES are taking part in distance learning,” said WBES integrated preschool teacher Jill Pietro said. “We are having snack time chats on Zoom each Friday so we can see each other’s faces and say hello. This is something that all of us teachers love the most, as we are missing our kids big time!”

She has also set up ClassTag websites for each class where she can post weekly thematic calendars of suggested activities and keep in touch with families. ClassTag is like a school-friendly Facebook; there’s a newsfeed and a place to post photos. It allows parents to comment to each other and gives them a way to reach

out to others in case they want to set up their own Zoom chats or phone dates with other student’s in their child’s class.

Her fellow teacher, Kristen Halasz, who teaches kindergarten at WBES, also uses Zoom to connect with her students.

“During this new and challenging time I have been enjoying talking to my kids on Zoom and having a “snack” together like we used to in class,” she said. “I have also been getting letters mailed to me from my students and we have been pen pals while we are away from each other. It has been great to hear from them. They are practicing writing and math and we have been sending riddles to solve back and forth too.

Halasz said in the upcoming days she will continue to send activities for them to have fun with while they learn. “We will find ways to talk “face to face” online,” she said.

“We are doing the best we can in these unprecedented times,” Pietro said. “Our biggest goal is to let our students and their families know that we are here for them.”

Warren Senior Center closed but offers services

WEST WARREN — “April showers bring May flowers,” let’s hope they also bring good health and healing to the world. As all are aware, the Senior Center is temporarily closed to the public. They are doing take out meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon. If seniors would like a meal, please call on Monday between noon and 2 p.m. to order a meal on Tuesday, and call Wednesday between noon and 2 p.m. for Thursday meals.

If seniors have any questions or

concerns, or need help, they are in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Seniors needing errands such as shopping, prescriptions or mail pick up can call the Warren Senior Center at 413-436-5662 or QVCDC at 413-967-3001. At this time the building is closed until May 4.

The office will be closed on Monday, April 20, for Patriots Day. Seniors should call Thursday, April 16, to request a meal for Tuesday, April 21.

Town officials close parks

WARREN – Selectmen and Board of Health members have announced that the town’s parks will be closed until further notice due to COVID-19

concerns and are urging people to stay at home. The parks will open as soon as the health crisis is over, according to town officials.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Canadian law enforcers

5. Actor Idris

9. Cut or bruise

11. Vegetables

13. Aircraft delivery

15. To make obsolete

16. Things similar to those already noted

17. Columbus is a famous one

19. Age group

21. Denotes nature of sound

22. Klutz

23. Uninteresting

25. Computer manufacturer

26. 2,000 lbs.

27. Genus of seabirds

29. Emerges

31. Baseball stat

33. Witnesses

CLUES DOWN

1. Churned

2. Seal bottles

3. Million barrels per day (abbr.)

4. Meat from a pig (French)

5. Within

6. Walk in a slow pace

7. Cries

8. About Andes

9. Fishermen use it

10. Expresses delight

11. Shouts

12. Feudal agricultural laborer

14. Sailboat

15. Small Eurasian willows

18. S. American native people

20. Extreme disgust

24. Nonsense (slang)

26. Produce male reproductive cells

28. Computes

30. Pop singer

32. Weds secretly

34. Having two poles

35. Yankee hero Bucky

37. Building

38. Per __, each

40. Six (Spanish)

42. Makes amends

43. Scoundrels

45. Baseball's best pitchers

47. Some are scrambled

49. Emit coherent radiation

50. Singer Redding

51. Break

55. Institute legal proceedings against

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RECREATION REMINDERS

Outdoor fun close to home

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Town Forest Park can easily be found and accessed on Route 67, where visitors can park and then roam the 44-acre property, which is about 1.5 miles from the center of town.

There is a pond, a place to picnic and barbecue, and access to the park and the pond is wheelchair accessible.

The goal of the Town Forest Park Committee it to make the park educational, with many plants and trees, and to make the history of the Quaboag Plantation available for the public, according to the town’s website.

There is plenty of wildlife and on a recent visit, a garter snake was seen traveling by a path. There were tons of tadpoles in the pond and plenty of birds. Pheasant feathers were found on the ground to the great delight of three young girls walking the park. The youngest declared at the end it was the best hike ever.

The Committee is working on new trails for the season. The trails will be marked with the level of difficulty from 1 thru 6, with 6 as the most difficult.

Wildlife is abundant and there are many flowers that bloom in the spring and fall, many of which were donated by

townspeople and the Brookfield Garden Club.

On the west side of the park there are marked hiking rails, including the Blue Diamond trail, which opens to the Wendemuth Meadows Trail on Bates Street, which is part of East Quabbin Land Trust’s Wendemuth Meadows property. There is also the Ledge Walk Trail, which loops off the Blue Diamond Trail.

The Wendemuth Meadows property is directly across the street so visitors can visit two properties while they are hiking.

On the east side is the wheel chair accessible trail to the pond. At the pond, trout can be caught and kept, but all other fish are catch and release. There are also barbecues and picnic tables

The park opens a half hour after sunrise and closes a half hour before sunset and is open to the public.

Information and flyers can be found at the parking area at the kiosk located on the lawn.

While no camping is available, any youth organizations who would like to camp over night may contact Joseph Holway by email at joe.holway@verizon.net.

Also if anyone would be interested in donating a memorial park bench should please contact Joseph Holway by email joe.holway@verizon.net.



The North Brookfield Town Forest Park is about 1.5 miles from the town center on Route 67.



There are picnic tables and barbecues near the pond at the Town Forest Park.



Quinn Ouimette, one of the photographer's three girls, checks out the tadpoles in the pond at Town Forest Park this past weekend.



Turley Publications staff photos by Paula Ouimette

Quinn Ouimette in a hot pink jacket and Penny Ouimette, with hot pink shoes, check out the disc golf fun available in the Town Forest Park.



RIGHT: Among the wildlife visitors may see at the park are garter snakes, such as this one as well as plenty of bird life including pheasants.



Townspeople and the Brookfield Garden Club have provided plants to beautify the Town Forest Park, many of which are about to bloom.



A stream flows through the Town Forest Park.

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NOTICE

The Town of Hardwick, MA, proposed to file an Application for Federal Financial Assistance with the USDA, Rural Development. This application for financial assistance will be for funding under the Rural Utilities Service, Part 1780, Water and Waste Loans and Grants (CFDA 10.760) and is anticipated to be submitted in April 2020. The specific elements of the application include upgrades to the Gilbertville WPCF and Wheelwright WPCF, and pump station and force main improvements. Any questions regarding this application should be submitted to the Town of Hardwick within fifteen days of this publication.

4/09/2020

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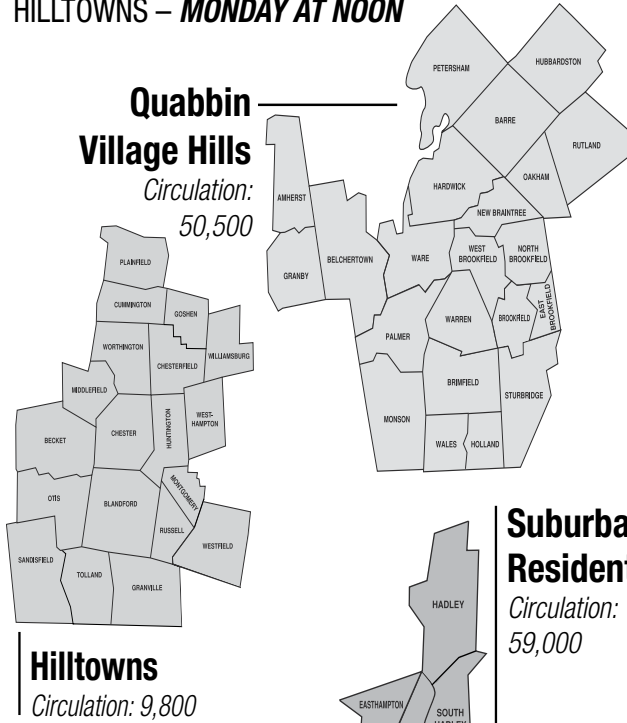
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